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## Agency News

# State Employee Charitable Campaign began September 1

The State Employee Charitable Campaign is a workplace fundraising campaign authorized by the legislature for state agency and higher education employees in Texas. The campaign began September 1 and runs through October 31. For 22 years, employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and other state agencies have generously supported the many SECC charities through fundraising and payroll deduction.

SECC fundraising allows you to donate to a variety of charities. Participating groups range from small local charities to large, well-known national and international nonprofit organizations. Commenting on TDCJ's long record of successful SECC fundraising,

agency campaign coordinator Carie Beaty noted that, "Throughout the year, the SECC provides critical support for nonprofit charities across the state and the nation. We anticipate that TDCJ employees will continue their history of generous giving."

Participating charities must meet stringent legal requirements, be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and register with the Secretary of State. Approved SECC charities are audited every year to ensure they spend no more than 25 percent of contributions on administrative costs.

Contributing through payroll deduction provides necessary funds to sustain charitable organizations while maximizing the positive

effect of your contribution. Contributions made by cash and check are also accepted and, like payroll deductions, can be directed toward your favorite charities.

To learn more about the SECC and which charities it represents, visit the SECC website ([www.secc texas.org](http://www.secc texas.org)). A calendar of planned TDCJ fundraisers, as well as instructions on submitting a fundraising event, can be accessed on the agency website ([www.tdcj.state.tx.us/charity/Fund\\_Raising\\_Events.html](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/charity/Fund_Raising_Events.html)).

Participation in the SECC program is completely voluntary. ●

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